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Gadhafi Has Yet to Rally His Tarnished Military, U.S. Officials Say

Libyan ruler Moammar Gadhafi has upgraded his air defenses following the U.S. raid on his country, adding a second SA5 missile site at Benghazi on the Gulf of Sidra. But otherwise he seems unable to rejuvenate his military, U.S. officials said yesterday.

The Soviet emphasis, officials said, has been on improving Gadhafi's antiaircraft radar warning and fire control network, not on massive shipments of missiles.

Defense officials said that the United States, the Soviet Union, Syria and Israel are studying the offense-defense tactics during two U.S. attacks on Libya for keys to how bombers might survive against modern antiaircraft missiles.

The U.S. European command, headed by Gen. Bernard W. Rogers, has ordered a "lessons learned" audit of the night bombing raid—which is standard procedure—while other assessments apparently are under way in the other countries, officials said.

Shortly after the U.S. attacks, Gadhafi seemed to be moving with vigor in questioning his military leaders as to why his air defenses had proved so ineffective, officials said. Intelligence officials expected



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that Gadhafi would clean house within his high command, officials said. But this apparently has not happened.

Gadhafi, officials said, seems to be wandering listlessly from one summer residence to another rather than rebuilding his tarnished military forces.

The Soviet Union and Syria are gambling heavily on the ability of the SA5 to knock down invading aircraft at distances of more than 50 miles. The Soviets have built 100 SA5 sites in their country with more than 2,000 missiles, according to the International Institute for Strategic Studies, while Syria has deployed at least 48 SA5s along with other Soviet made antiaircraft missiles.

Soviet technicians not only have been attempting to determine why their missiles did not perform better in Libya, but also helping to install more of them and improve their command and control systems, officials said.

The original SA5 site at Surt, which Navy bombers knocked out of action with radar-seeking: Harm missiles during the Gulf of Sidra operations, is back in service with all 12 launchers ready to fire, officials said. The second site at Benghazi is partially operational, they said, and is expected to be a duplicate of the one at Surt, providing wide coverage of the Gulf of Sidra.

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As usual, Gadhafi spoke of what he has called the "imperialism of the West"—the United States, Israel, and Britain. He said that the aircraft carrier *Battlestar* in the Mediterranean Sea was a "threat" to the neighboring Mediterranean countries, that harbor NATO bases in Italy, Spain, France and

He also spoke defiantly of his determination to fight the United States and win. He spoke of going up even to U.S. nuclear weapons and missiles with his fighters lining the Mexican shore.

Speaking angrily, he says he wants to give up importing food from Europe and has talked about his refusal to buy Russian oil, an important change earner, to the W

The message, as an American diplomat said, was unchanged, but the spirit was delivered lacking hesitation and, most importantly, confidence.

To an observer who has watched Libyan dance and praise their charismatic leader, Gadhafi on television screens seemed to mirror the latest his appearance gene

There was little enthusiasm for his speech was broadcast on the speakers mounted around the central square—much public acclaim. Only about 2,000 people seemed to hear the speech. Traffic continued at a normal pace and many young men, in support, played some music along the square and listened to the playing Arabic music, not speeches.

As one diplomat said, "The first two Libyans I asked for a speech today said they had heard it, they were playing the tape."

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Gadhafi Appears Dazed; Audience Dwindling

U.S. Bombing Blamed for Bewilderment

By Loren Jenkins
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TRIPOLI, June 12—Almost two months after U.S. planes bombed Tripoli and Benghazi, Libya's two most important cities, the nation's leader, Col. Moammar Gadhafi, has not recovered from the shock. And his subjects are increasingly aware of it.

That, at least, is the conclusion being drawn here today by foreign diplomats in the wake of Gadhafi's appearance on television last night marking the anniversary of the day in 1970 when the United States turned over its Wheelus Air Base outside of the Libyan capital to Gadhafi, who had come to power in a coup only a little more than eight months earlier.

"One can make all sorts of speculations about that speech," said one foreign diplomat here who spoke only on condition that he not be named, "but what seems clear is that he was not himself and that people who watched him know it."

Gadhafi, whose aides had only days before promised a public speech for the occasion, spoke instead from an isolated television studio at a secret location. Unlike other staged television appearances

or speeches from isolated villages since the U.S. air raids April 15, Gadhafi spoke without an audience to cheer him on.

The 44-year-old colonel looked tired, sickly or, as some who watched the appearance thought, drugged. He had bags under his eyes. He spoke from an easy chair and his voice was low, hoarse, sometimes incoherent and rambling. Normally a spellbinding orator who speak extemporaneously, this time he often used notes, lost his place, took long pauses, and once put his head on his hands as if overcome or lost.

Did his demeanor mean that he was still suffering from the deep depression that a CIA analysis just after the bombing claimed he had suffered? Was he otherwise 'sick? Had he lost spirit because his once unchallenged leadership of this nation of 3.5 million has been reshaped by his fellow Army officers of the Revolutionary Command? Or was he suffering from paranoia over possible suspected plots against his life?

The dwindling number of diplomats here are convinced Gadhafi's dispirited state is linked to the April bombings.

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U.K. Extradition Revised by Irish Terrorists W

By Joanne Omang
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The Senate Foreign Relations Committee, after three hours of emotional debate, yesterday approved a controversial revision of the 1972 extradition treaty between Great Britain and the United States that would make it easier for Irish terrorists to win U.S. asylum.

The senators voted 15 to 10 to approve amendments sought to distinguish between political rebels—to whom the United States has traditionally offered haven—and terrorists, for whom the senators said extradition should be speedy.

The compromise, which needs approval from the full Senate, pleased the Reagan administration and delighted the British. Margaret Thatcher, where an official said Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher "very pleased." She and President Reagan had lobbied for the treaty in recent weeks, asking senators to pass it in "appreciation" of British help in the U.S. bombing against Libya last April.

The compromise also received qualified support from the Irish National Council, which stridently opposes

In televised speech, Gadhafi's rhetoric was the same but his halting.

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Gadhafi Still Seems Stunned

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He also spoke defiantly of Libya's determination to fight the United States and win. He spoke of standing up even to U.S. nuclear weapons and missiles with 1 million fighters lining the Mediterranean shore.

Speaking angrily, he asked Libyans to give up imported goods and food from Europe and Japan, and talked about his refusal to sell Libyan oil, an important foreign exchange earner, to the West.

The message, as another Western diplomat said, was typical and unchanged, but the spirit in which it was delivered lacked heart, conviction and, most importantly, an audience.

To an observer who, over the years, has watched Libyan crowds dance and praise their once-charismatic leader, Gadhafi's demeanor on television screens this week seemed to mirror the lack of interest his appearance generated here.

There was little enthusiasm as his speech was broadcast on loudspeakers mounted around the capital's Green Square—scene of so much public acclaim in the past. Only about 2,000 supporters gathered to hear the speech, and life seemed to go on as usual in the city. Traffic continued at a regular pace, and many young men, the pillars of his support, played soccer, while others fished along the harbor cornice and listened to tape cassettes playing Arabic music, not Gadhafi's speeches.

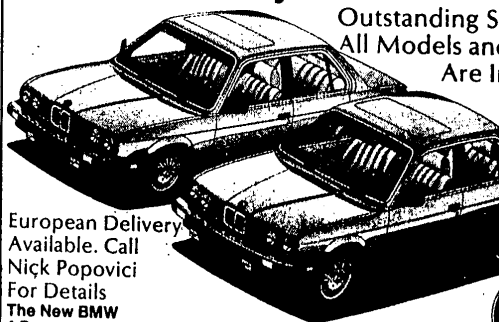
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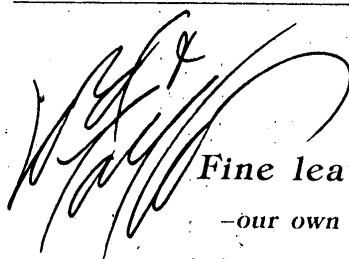
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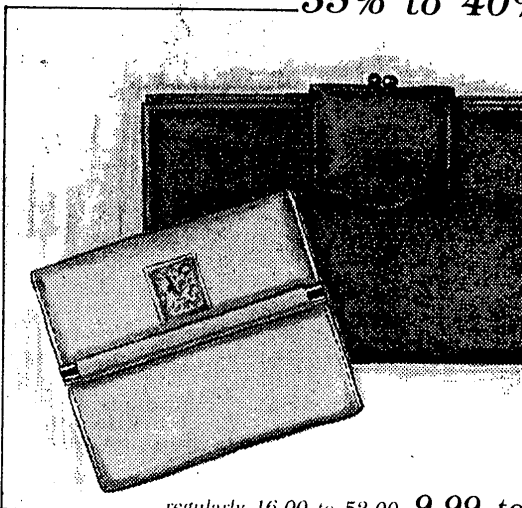


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